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In re

U.S. application of: Takeshi MORIKAWA

For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS CAPABLE OF
IMAGE FORMATION IN A PLURALITY OF
MODES

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Dear Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in
37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicant wishes to bring the following
items to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of each item
is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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The following document is cited in the specification of the above-referenced patent application:

- (1) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application (A) 5-122477, (Canon Inc) published May 18, 1993.

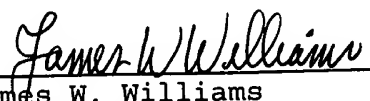
Applicant also wishes to bring the following items to the attention of the Examiner:

- (2) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application (A) 2-155368, (Ricoh Co Ltd) published June 14, 1990.
- (3) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application (A) 3-48572, (Ricoh Co Ltd) published March 1, 1991.
- (4) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application (A) 3-177987, (Minolta Camera Co Ltd) published May 20, 1991.

Applicant considers the invention to be distinguishable from the prior art to the extent represented by the above-cited documents which are available as prior art.

As this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the issuance of the first Examiner's Action, no fee is incurred.

Respectfully submitted,



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